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Long Island Cabbage Seed, &c.

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GENTLEMEN:

We are now harvesting the largest yield of CABBAGE SEED for many years. Indications are that I shall be able to fill contracts complete, excepting possibly a few minor varieties. A more definite report will be submitted as soon as the seed can be threshed and measured. I shall have a surplus of almost all leading varieties, and would advise my patrons to stock up for a year in advance against future shortage. Stock heads last fall were unusually fine, giving opportunity for fine selections for seed, and the abundant summer rains and fine growing weather should give fine samples. In other lines I hope for a full supply. Allow me to call your attention to a few specialties which you should catalogue by all means.

In ASPARAGUS we find the TRUE PALMETTO does not blight as much as some other varieties.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS, the Long Island Improved, is becoming very popular.

In CABBAGES the EXTRA EARLY EUREKA, which originated with me as a cross of EARLY WAKEFIELD and SUCCESSION (called also Maule's Earliest) is very popular, *the earliest flat headed variety, and as hard as a rock.* Suited also for second early—by sowing later—where a medium sized head is desirable. I have three strains of Wakefield, Extra Early, small type, Early, the *true* type as grown first by my father and uncle at Jersey City seventy years ago. Large or Charleston, a selection from the former, almost as early and much larger; a great favorite at the south. All other leading early, summer, fall and winter varieties. I would call your attention especially to my LONG ISLAND SECOND EARLY, a superior sort, season of Early Summer, and does not run to seed when fall sown. Also my EARLY DWARF DRUMHEAD, larger and a little later than Long Island Second Early, suited for summer, fall, or winter; none better. All the old standard late sorts. The LOUISVILLE EXTRA DRUMHEAD is exceedingly popular south as elsewhere. WORLDBEATER, very large. MAMMOTH ROCK, the best Red variety. PERFECTION DRUMHEAD SAVOY, the best curled.

CARROT. My strain of Danvers is *true and pure*, and cannot be excelled.

CAULIFLOWER. WORLDBEATER, the best early, and COLUMBIAN WHITE, very large, the best late sort. My American grown Snowball is true. ERFURT EXTRA DWARF, very fine. EGG PLANT—PURPLE PERFECTION, a *positively THORNLESS* variety, combining all the fine qualities of the New York Improved (which originated with my father), and the New Jersey Improved. My strain of SIBERIAN KALE is true, very finely curled, now harvesting. LETTUCE, the best grown. PARSLEY, TRIPLE MOSS CURLED. PEPPER, home grown, very pure stocks of BELL OR BULL NOSE, SWEET MOUNTAIN and RUBY KING. TOMATO—Besides all the old standard varieties which are grown with great care, I am growing MAULE'S SUCCESS and ENORMOUS, red, the latter undoubtedly by long odds the best *very large* variety ever introduced. BEDELL'S LONG ISLAND, which I sent out a few years ago, has become very popular; it is large, thick, very solid, ripens to the stem, does not crack, and being thick skinned does not rot, and carries fine. In color a beautiful crimson red, a perfect fruit, *the best all around variety ever introduced.* Last but not least, SPARK'S EARLIANA, red, the best EXTRA EARLY variety I have ever seen. Southern truckers made a great deal of money last year with this variety. *Do not pass it by.* THORBURN'S EARLIEST I am growing for the first time, described as "the earliest Tomato ever grown, fine rich scarlet color, large, smooth, and of the finest quality, especially suited for growing under glass."

PANSY SEED—Very fine. My own growing.

If you have not included all of the above named good things in your order for fall of 1902 *do not miss them.* I shall issue a full and complete price list as early as possible. In the meantime quotations will be given so far as possible, and all correspondence cheerfully answered.

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